

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Jon Sonju, on February 6, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Bob Ebinger, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Gordon Vance, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)  
Rep. Tom Berry (R)  
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)  
Rep. Margaret MacDonald (D)  
Rep. Lee Randall (R)  
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)  
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)  
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary  
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing: HB 377, HB 387, HB 373  
Executive Action: HB 373, HB 49

00:00:00 Call to order  
00:00:32 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division  
**EXHIBIT(trh28a01)**  
00:00:56 Chairman Sonju  
00:01:00 Ms. Weiss  
00:01:24 Chairman Sonju

**HEARING ON HB 377**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:48 Rep. Michele Reinhardt (D), HD 97, opened the hearing on  
HB 377, Revise transportation commission.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:06 Roger Millar, Office of Planning and Grants, Missoula,  
Montana  
**EXHIBIT(trh28a02)**

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:12:17 Jim Lynch, Director, Department of Transportation  
**EXHIBIT(trh28a03)**  
00:31:15 Willie Duffield, Montana Association of Oil, Gas and  
Coal Counties

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:32:29 Rep. Ebinger  
00:32:48 Mr. Lynch  
00:32:53 Rep. Ebinger  
00:33:05 Mr. Lynch  
00:34:12 Rep. Roundstone  
00:34:38 Mr. Lynch  
00:35:13 Chairman Sonju  
00:35:21 Mr. Lynch  
00:35:43 Chairman Sonju  
00:35:50 Mr. Lynch

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:35:59 Rep. Reinhardt

**HEARING ON HB 387**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:40:12 Rep. Scott Reichner (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on  
HB 387, Generally revise motor vehicle laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:42:43 Bruce Spencer, Montana Automobile Dealers Association  
**EXHIBIT**(trh28a04)

00:45:49 Mona Jamison, General Motors

00:47:09 Tom Rispens, Montana Boat Center

00:48:26 Stuart Doggett, Montana Manufactured Housing and RV  
Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:49:20 Rep. Reichner

00:50:05 Rep. Taylor

**HEARING ON HB 373**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:50:33 Rep. Franke Wilmer (D), HD 64, opened the hearing on  
HB 373, Gold star families special license plates.

**EXHIBIT**(trh28a05)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:55:21 Colonel Jim Jacobsen, Legislative Chairman, Montana  
American Legion

00:56:25 Dan Antonietti, Legislative Chairman, Veterans of  
Foreign Wars

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:57:19 Joe Foster, Montana Veteran Affairs Association

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:57:44 Rep. Wilmer

**EXHIBIT**(trh28a06)

00:59:29 Chairman Sonju

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 373**

00:59:37 **Motion:** Rep. Taylor moved that **HB 373 DO PASS.**

00:59:52 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Taylor moved that **HB 373 BE AMENDED.**  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:00:22 **Motion:** Rep. Taylor moved that **HB 373 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:00:31 Rep. Arntzen

01:00:58 Ms. Weiss

01:01:40 Chairman Sonju

01:02:10 Rep. Arntzen

01:02:37 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Further discussion on HB 279**

01:03:04 Chairman Sonju

01:03:22 Rep. Barrett

01:04:16 Chairman Sonju

01:04:31 Rep. Barrett

01:05:01 Jim Lynch, Director, Department of Transportation

01:12:36 Roger Millar, Office of Planning and Grants, Missoula, Montana

01:22:11 Rep. Barrett

01:23:08 Mr. Millar

01:23:13 Rep. Barrett

01:23:31 Mr. Millar

01:24:15 Rep. Arntzen

01:24:29 Mr. Lynch

(Rep. Barrett left)

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 49**

01:25:34 **Motion:** Rep. Ebinger moved that **HB 49 DO PASS.**

01:26:33 **Motion:** Rep. Ebinger moved that **HB 49 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(trh28a07)**

**Discussion:**

01:26:48 Ms. Weiss  
01:28:37 Rep. Vance  
01:29:12 Mr. Lynch  
01:29:44 Rep. Ebinger  
01:30:00 Ms. Weiss  
01:30:18 Rep. Ebinger  
01:30:52 Ms. Weiss  
01:31:11 Chairman Sonju  
01:31:16 Rep. Arntzen  
01:31:42 Rep. Kottel  
01:31:45 Ms. Weiss  
01:32:03 Rep. Kottel  
01:32:11 Chairman Sonju  
01:32:20 Ms. Weiss  
01:32:31 Rep. Kottel

01:32:56 **Vote:** Motion failed 0-12 by roll call vote.  
Rep. Barrett voted by proxy.

01:33:59 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. MacDonald moved that **HB 49 BE**  
**TABLED.** Motion carried 11-1 by voice vote with Rep.  
Taylor voting no. Rep. Barrett voted by proxy.

01:34:45 Chairman Sonju

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:35:23 Adjournment

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Katie Butcher, Secretary

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**Additional Documents:**

Information on HB 279, ICAP Exemption

Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([trh28aad.pdf](#))**